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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK	Y
SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION	11
CORPORATION,	:
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Plaintiff,	: SIPA Liquidation
	: (C-1-4-4-1-1C-1-1-1-4-4-1)
V.	: (Substantively Consolidated)
BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT	•
SECURITIES LLC	· :
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Defendant.	:
In re	X
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BERNARD L. MADOFF,	•
,	:
Debtor.	:
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## **OBJECTION TO TRUSTEE'S DETERMINATION OF CLAIM**

Arthur H. Goldberg ("Goldberg"), by his undersigned attorneys, objects to the Notice of Trustee's Determination of Claim, dated April 16, 2010 (the "Determination Letter"), and respectfully represents as follows:

### **Background**

- 1. Goldberg is a "customer" as defined by the Securities Investor Protection Act of 1970 ("SIPA") of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities, LLC ("BLMIS").
  - 2. On December 11, 2008, the above-captioned liquidation proceeding was

commenced against BLMIS, pursuant to SIPA. <u>See</u> Order, <u>Securities and Exchange</u>

<u>Commission v. Madoff</u>, No. 08-10791 (S.D.N.Y. Dec. 15, 2008) (ordering relief under SIPA and transferring proceeding to the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York) [Docket No. 4]. Irving Picard was appointed Trustee (the "<u>SIPC Trustee</u>"), charged with overseeing the liquidation of BLMIS and processing customer claims pursuant to SIPA. <u>Id.</u>; 15

U.S.C. § 78fff-1(a).

- 3. On December 23, 2008, this Court entered an Order directing the SIPC Trustee to disseminate notice and claim forms to BLMIS customers and setting forth claims filing deadlines (the "Claims Procedures Order") [Docket No. 12].
- 4. Goldberg submitted a claim in accordance with the Claims Procedures Order which claim has been designated Claim Number 011193 (the "Claim") by the SIPC Trustee.
- 5. On April 16, 2010, the SIPC Trustee sent Goldberg the Determination Letter denying the Claim.

## **Grounds for Objection**

6. The SIPC Trustee determined the Claim by adjusting two transfers made into Goldberg's account on August 19, 2003 and October 14, 2003, in the aggregate amount of \$4,288,465.21, to \$1,500,000 The SIPC Trustee gave Goldberg only partial credit for the \$4,288,465.21 in inter-account transfers (the "Transfers") from an affiliated BLMIS investor, Mr. Goldberg's wife, (the "Transferor"), on the ground that "the transferor account did not have sufficient principal available to effectuate the full transfer." Determination Letter at p. 2. This is not a valid basis to fail to credit Goldberg for the full amount of the Transfers. The Transfers were, in economic substance, cash transfers – no different than if the Transferor had withdrawn \$4,288,465.21 from her BLMIS account and transferred the proceeds of the withdrawals to

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Goldberg, who in turn made a \$4,288,465.21 cash deposit into his own BLMIS account. The Transfers should be treated as the \$4,288,465.21 deposit that they were.

# **Relief Requested**

For the reasons set forth above, the Bankruptcy Court should allow the Claim in its entirety, and grant such other relief as may be just and equitable.

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